

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

CIVIL ACTION NO.1:05-cv-10606-REK

SHERYL SATTERTHWAITE, as Executrix)
of the Estate of DENNIS SATTERTHWAITE,)
Plaintiff)
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vs.)
)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
UHS OF WESTWOOD PEMBROKE, INC.,)
ARTHUR PAPAS, and,)
CATHERINE SULLIVAN, R.N.C.,)
Defendants)

**ANSWER OF DEFENDANT, UHS OF WESTWOOD PEMBROKE, INC., TO
PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., answers each of the serially numbered causes of action and paragraphs of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as follows:

1. The Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to either admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, and calls upon the Plaintiff to prove the same.

2. The Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to either admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, and calls upon the Plaintiff to prove the same.

3. No answer is required as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as

they are directed to another party.

4. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint in the form alleged except admits that it is a Massachusetts corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

5. Admitted.

6. No answer is required as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party.

7. No answer is required as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party.

The Facts

8. No answer is required as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party. However, insofar as these allegations may imply any wrongdoing as to this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

9. No answer is required as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party. However, insofar as these allegations may imply any wrongdoing as to this Defendant, they

are expressly denied.

10. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in the first sentence of Paragraph 10 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint in the form alleged except admits that the Plaintiff's decedent received treatment at Westwood Lodge during his May 2002 admission. The Defendant denies the allegations contained in the second sentence of Paragraph 10 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint.

11. No answer is required as to the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party.

12. Denied.

13. The Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to either admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, and calls upon the Plaintiff to prove the same.

14. The Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to either admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, and calls upon the Plaintiff to prove the same.

15. The Defendant lacks sufficient knowledge or information to either admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, and calls upon the

Plaintiff to prove the same.

Causes of Action

First Cause of Action

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., repeats and reaffirms its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

16. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party. However, insofar as these allegations may imply any wrongdoing as to this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

Second Cause of Action

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., repeats and reaffirms its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

17. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party. However, insofar as these allegations may imply any wrongdoing as to this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

Third Cause of Action

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., repeats and

reaffirms its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

18. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party. However, insofar as these allegations may imply any wrongdoing as to this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

Fourth Cause of Action

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., repeats and reaffirms its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

19. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party. However, insofar as these allegations may imply any wrongdoing as to this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

Fifth Cause of Action

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., repeats and reaffirms its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

20. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party. However, insofar as these

allegations may imply any wrongdoing as to this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

Sixth Cause of Action

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., repeats and reaffirms its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

21. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party. However, insofar as these allegations may imply any wrongdoing as to this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

Seventh Cause of Action

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., repeats and reaffirms its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

22. No answer is required to Paragraph 22 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as it contains an overview of the Plaintiff's allegations, which the Defendant calls upon the Plaintiff to prove. However, insofar as this Paragraph may contain any allegations of wrongdoing on the part of this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

Eighth Cause of Action

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., repeats and reaffirms its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

23. No answer is required to Paragraph 23 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as it contains an overview of the Plaintiff's allegations, which the Defendant calls upon the Plaintiff to prove. However, insofar as this Paragraph may contain any allegations of wrongdoing on the part of this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

Ninth Cause of Action

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., repeats and reaffirms its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

24. No answer is required to Paragraph 24 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as it contains an overview of the Plaintiff's allegations, which the Defendant calls upon the Plaintiff to prove. However, insofar as this Paragraph may contain any allegations of wrongdoing on the part of this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

Tenth Cause of Action

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., repeats and reaffirms its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

25. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party. However, insofar as these allegations may imply any wrongdoing as to this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

Eleventh Cause of Action

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., repeats and reaffirms its answers to Paragraphs 1 through 15 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

26. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 26 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party. However, insofar as these allegations may imply any wrongdoing as to this Defendant, they are expressly denied.

Demands for Relief

27. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 27 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they

are directed to another party.

28. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 28 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party.

29. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 29 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party.

30. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 30 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party.

31. No answer is required to Paragraph 31 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as it contains a demand for judgment.

32. No answer is required to Paragraph 32 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as it contains a demand for judgment.

33. No answer is required to the allegations contained in Paragraph 33 of the Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, as they are directed to another party.

First Affirmative Defense

The Plaintiff's decedent's injuries and damages, if any,

were caused in whole or in part by the Plaintiff's decedent's own negligence, which exceeded that of the Defendant, any of which is expressly denied. Wherefore, the Plaintiff may not recover, or in the alternative, the Plaintiff's decedent's negligence requires a proportionate reduction in the Plaintiff's recovery, if any.

Second Affirmative Defense

The injuries and damages alleged by the Plaintiff were caused by a third party for whose conduct this Defendant is not legally responsible.

Third Affirmative Defense

Any alleged act or omission of this Defendant was not the proximate cause of the Plaintiff's decedent's injuries and damages, if any.

Fourth Affirmative Defense

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., has not knowingly or intentionally waived any applicable affirmative defenses. Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., reserves its right to assert and to rely upon other defenses as may become available or apparent during discovery proceedings or as may be raised or asserted by other Defendants in this case, and to amend its answer and/or affirmative defenses accordingly.

Fifth Affirmative Defense

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., requests that a Medical Malpractice Tribunal be held pursuant to M.G.L. c. 231, §60B, to review the sufficiency of Plaintiff's claims.

Demand for Jury Trial

The Defendant, UHS of Westwood Pembroke, Inc., demands trial by jury as to all issues.

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